

JACOB NIX.

MAY 1, 1886.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'HARA, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 8334.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6096) to increase the pension of Jacob Nix, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:

Claimant was a captain of a company called out by the governor of the State of Minnesota during the Sioux Indian outbreak and massacre, 1862, when he was wounded in the hand and arm and lost its use on account of said wound.

The legislature of the State of Minnesota passed the following resolution:

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are hereby requested to obtain special act of Congress granting a captain's pension to said Jacob Nix, or such other relief as his condition demands.
Approved February 2, 1881.

Claimant was granted a pension by act of Congress approved July 22, 1882, with the rank of captain, at the rate of one-third disability. In accordance with said act claimant is now drawing a pension of \$6.66½ per month. Owing to the act referred to claimant is barred from the relief intended and cannot be rated in accordance with his disability. The Mankato board of examining surgeons makes the following report:

The examination reveals the following conditions: A circular cicatrix, size of quarter of a dollar, on inner side of left arm, a little anteriorly and about 3 inches above internal condyle of humerus, said to be site of alleged gunshot wound; no exit wound, ball being removed some time after injury; arm and forearm atrophied, measuring 1 inch less than right; loss of left ring finger, it being amputated near metacarpophalangeal joint; cicatrix adherent to bone and very tender; muscles of left hip, thigh, and leg much atrophied; knee joint enlarged, tender, and painful; is very lame. Claimant connects this condition with gunshot wound. Thinking it not our province to rate this injury we omit it and rate for gunshot wound of left arm three-fourths of total; for loss of left ring finger one-fourth of total. We find the disabilities entitle him to a total rating.

Your committee recommend that House bill 6096 lie on the table and the accompanying substitute be adopted in lieu of said bill.